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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research & Development  
FROM: Bruce T. Johnson  
Director of Data Processing  
SUBJECT: Budgeting for Experimental Online Access System

1. The Director has approved a recommendation of the NFIB Information Handling Committee that we explore secure methods of providing external access to the Agency's RECON data base managed by the Office of Central Reference and maintained on ODP computers. As a result of our telephone conversation of 4 August, I believe you and I are in agreement that the logical organization to direct this research effort is ORD and that the funds for this purpose should be added to the ORD budget. RMS guidance calls for CIA "to submit an unranked package with the FY 1982 budget estimates" to support this program.

2. Attached is a rather miscellaneous collection of documents on the most recent IHC efforts to come to grips with this problem of Community access to RECON. I believe that you will find in this documentation the information you need to prepare the "unranked" package which CIA has been asked to submit. I will be happy to consult with you or any of your staff on the matter, of course, and to be of whatever assistance I can in the development of the package.

3. In submitting the package to the Office of the Comptroller I suggest you request the transfer to ORD of the \$325,000 which is currently in the OCR budget for FY-81, identified as the first increment of funding for some unspecified version of Community RECON.

4. Once the budgeting question is out of the way and you turn to the more rewarding and stimulating task of addressing the substantive problems posed by this recommendation, I suggest that we organize a joint conference involving representatives from ORD, ODP, OCR, OS/ISSG, and RMS/IRO to explore alternative approaches to the problem.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

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Attachments

cc: O/Comptroller w/o att.  
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D/IRO w/o att.  
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List of Attachments:

Excerpt fm July memo to DDCI fm Dep to DCI for RM  
Working Paper, TS [REDACTED] 845-80  
Note to D/NFAC fm D/OCR dtd 17 July 80  
Memo to Ch/IHC fm DIA dtd 26 June 80  
Memo to D/ODP fm D/OCR dtd 20 May 80  
Memo to D/ODP fm NFAC ADP Control Officer dtd 20 May 80

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